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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH ACTING UNDERSECRETARY AND CHIEF OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF UAE FOREIGN MINISTER YACOUD AL KINDI TO REVIEW ISSUES WE FORSEE AT 33RD UNGA. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WAS MINISTER/COUNSELOR MUHAMMAD HUSSAIN WHO WILL BE MEMBER OF UAE DELEGATION TO UNGA.

2. AFTER GENERAL REVIEW OF US OBJECTIVES DRAWING ON PARA 5 OF REFTEL, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES AT UNGA, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA (NAIMIBIA, RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA), CYPRUS, PERTO RICO, HUMAN RIGHTS, UN BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND REFORM, AND SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT LEAVING TALKING PAPERS ON EACH SUBJECT DRAWN FROM POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL.

3. FOLLOWING ARE PRICIPAL REACTIONS:

--A. NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE: UAE ALSO HOPES DIALOGUE WILL BE ADVANCED
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IN UPCOMING COW. IT IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING WAYS IN WHICH UN SYSTEM CAN BE USED TO PROMOTE SOULTIONS TO WORLD ENERGY PROBLEMS AND WOULD SUPPORT PROPOSAL HOLD UN CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY.

--B. COW: UAE REPS PROMISED TO REVIEW "YOUNG FORMULA" TO BRIDGE PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN G-77 AND INDUSTRIALIZED

COUNTRIES. OFFHAND COULD NOT SEE WHY UAE WOULD NOT SUPPORT.

--C. MIDDLE EAST: UAE REPS SAID OBVIOUSLY EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON OUTCOME OF CAMP DAVID MEETINGS. UAE DID NOT AGREE WITH USG POSITION AGAINST LINKAGE OF RACISM WITH ZIONISM BUT THEY DID SAY THEY HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID REAFFIRMATION OF ZIONISM/ RACISM ISSUE IN UNGA IF CAMP DAVID RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING. THEY ACCEPT ARGUMENT THAT REAFFIRMATION WOULD DO NOTHING TO HELP OUR CURRENT MIDDLE EAST EFFORTS. COMMENT: WE THINK UAEG WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ARAB CONSENSUS ON Z/R AT UNGA REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAVE BEEN TOLD.

--D. AFRICA: UAE POSITION BASICALLY SAME AS US ON NAMIBIA, RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. UAE SUPPORTS ON ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE FOR RHODESIA PROVIDED IT IS AGREEABLE TO OTHER AFRICAN STATES.

--E. CYPRUS: UAE POSITION ESSENTIALLY SAME. UAE SUPPORTS UNIFICATION OF CYPRUS AND SYG'S EFFORTS TO HAVE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. NOTED THAT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE ALSO SUPPORTED UN ENDEAVORS.

--F. PUERTO RICO: UAE WILL SUPPORT USG IN OPPOSING ANY UNGA ACTION ON PUERTO RICO. NOTED THAT AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, UAE EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS WITH FINAL LANGUAGE.

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--G. HUMAN RIGHTS: UAE AWARE OF US INTERESTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXPECTS PARTICIPATE IN PLENARY COMMEMORATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMAN RIGHTS UNIVERSAL DECLARATION. NOTED THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR, UAEG HAD TRANSMITTED TO UNSYG MEMORANDUM STATING UAE PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION IS CONSISTENT WITH UN RESOLUTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDING RIGHT TO FAIR TRIAL, QUALITY OF TREATMENT UNDER LAW, FREEDOM FROM ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION.

--H. UN BUDGET MANAGEMENT AND REFORM: UAE TAKES NO ISSUE. IT HAS VERY LITTLE WEIGHT TO GIVE ON THIS MATTER. DOES NOT OPPOSE US MOVES TO IMPROVE BUDGETING AND REDUCE COSTS AND REDUNDANCIES WHERE POSSIBLE.

--I. SSOD: UAE SUPPORTS DISARMAMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WHERE IT MOST NEEDED IS ISRAEL WHICH NOT NPT SIGNATORY AND WHOSE ENORMOUS MILITARY MIGHT THREATENS SECURITY OF NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES. DICKMAN.

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